GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Requests for Central University Status
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed for according the status of Central University to the State Universities in the country;
(b) the details of the proposals received by the Government from State Universities including Barkatullah University, Bhopal seeking the status of Central University during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(c) the present status of the said proposals, proposal-wise;
(d) whether the Government proposes to accord Barkatullah University the status of Central University; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (e) There is no criteria prescribed for grant of Central University status to a State University. The Central Government has taken a policy decision not to convert State Universities into Central Universities for reasons of legacy issues, adjustment of existing staff and disaffiliation of affiliated colleges. During the 12th Plan (2012-17), as approved by National Development Council, the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion would be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. Accordingly, no proposal to accord the status of Central University to any State University is under consideration of the Government.
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